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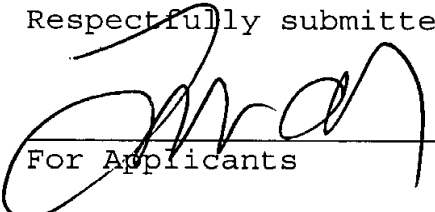
Claims 1-16 remain in the application. Claim 13 has been amended.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 3 on page 2 of the above-mentioned Office action that claims 1-12 are allowed. Claims 13 and 15 have been amended to be dependent on claim 1. Rejoinder of claims 13-16 is therefore requested.

An early issuance of a Notice of Allowance of claims 1-16 is solicited.

Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,


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